

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. PELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE DANGER OF RENEWED WAR IN CROATIA

Mr. PELL. Mr. President, I am very concerned about the situation in Croatia, where the Krajina Serbs have refused to consider an international peace plan for the country, and where President Tudjman has indicated that he will ask UNPROFOR troops to leave when their mandate expires in March. Last weekend in Munich, Bosnian Croats and Moslems, with the support of the Croatian Government, agreed to bolster their federation agreement. This good news is overshadowed, however, by dangerous developments in the Croatian peace process.

Last week, Serbian nationalists who control one-third of Croatia declined to consider a plan to resolve the status of Croatia's U.N.-protected area [UNPA's] prompting fears of a renewed Croatian war. The plan was developed by the Zagreb Four—or Z-4—consisting of the United States, Russia, the United Nations, and the European Union. It ought to have been the last step in an otherwise successful process to reduce tensions and normalize relations between Croatia and the Serbs living in the UNPA's.

I would particularly like to commend our Ambassador to Croatia, Peter Galbraith, the United States representative to the Z-4 process—who was a senior staff member with the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations during my tenure as chairman—for his efforts in this regard. A Z-4-negotiated ceasefire is in place, and the parties have agreed to confidence-building measures that include opening transportation and communications links between Croatia and the U.N. zones. These are important gains which I hope will not be lost by last week's setback with regard to a political settlement.

By all accounts, the Z-4 plan goes a long way to address the concerns of both the Croatian Government and the Krajina Serbs. It calls for the restoration of Croatian sovereignty to all the U.N. areas, with considerable autonomy for the local Serbian population.

As I said, the Krajina Serbs have not even deigned to look at the plan; the Croatian Government has not yet re-

sponded to it. President Franjo Tudjman's decision not to renew the mandate for UNPROFOR, the 15,000-troop U.N. force in Croatia, has dangerous repercussions for the Z-4 process. The threat of withdrawal has provided a convenient, though unacceptable excuse for the Serbs to ignore the peace process.

To my mind, it would be a grave mistake for UNPROFOR to withdraw at this time. Frankly, I am concerned that the U.N. withdrawal will precipitate renewed fighting between the Serbs living in Croatia and the Croatian Government, and indeed, even between Serbia and Croatia. While the United Nations does not have a flawless record in Croatia, UNPROFOR's presence since early 1992 has prevented the reemergence of full-scale war. Without UNPROFOR to patrol the demilitarized zones, the current ceasefire negotiated by the Z-4 is likely to collapse. UNPROFOR's withdrawal could very well offer an opportunity for the Serbs to attack, and Croatia's intentions regarding Serb-controlled areas in the wake of a U.N. withdrawal are unclear.

A new war in Croatia, by all estimates would make the horror in Bosnia pale in comparison. Mr. President, I hope the parties to the conflict wake up; see the treacherous path on which they are headed; call off the U.N. withdrawal; and seriously consider the Z-4 peace plan.

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Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

BUTTE, MONTANA

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, this is my third statement this week on why Micron Technologies should come to Butte, MT.

I would like to talk this evening about a topic that is very dear to my heart; that is, fishing in the great State of Montana.

The first line in Norman Maclean's famous book "A River Runs Through It" reads: "In our family, there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing."

Our friend and former colleague Jack Danforth has always told me that he thought that was the most beautiful sentence in the English language. We all know that Senator Danforth is an

ordained minister. But what many may not know is that he is also an avid fly fisherman.

And any avid fly fisherman knows that fishing in Montana's blue ribbon streams is something close to a religious experience. It is one of the things about Montana that makes it a truly special place to live.

Moreover, any successful business looking to relocate or expand puts a high quality of life at the top of their list.

Micron, being a successful company, wants its employees to be as productive as possible. And the best way to be productive in your job is to have a good quality of life.

For many Montanans, quality of life is measured by how many days they can fish. And the Butte area is right in the middle of some of the best trout fishing in the world. Rivers like the Big Hole, Ruby, Beaverhead, Missouri, and the Clark Fork are on any serious fisherman's wish list, and Butte is only an hour or so away from each of these rivers.

George Grant, a renowned fly-tier and lifelong resident of Butte, once wrote:

In the nine great trout States of the Western United States it would be difficult to find a single stream that exceeds the overall quality of the Big Hole River. The Big Hole rises at high altitude and flows clear and cold through wide valleys and narrow canyons seldom presenting similar water or scenery throughout its entire 150 fascinating miles.

Having spent a little time on the Big Hole myself, I have got to agree.

Finally, the folks at Micron are used to the language of the semiconductor industry—words like D-RAMs, C-MOS, kilobits, dice, and E-PROM's.

Well, Montana fishermen have their own language. We talk about pupas, nymphs, emergers, and mayflies. We tell stories—and sometimes they are even true—about rainbows, browns and cutthroat hitting on PMD's, san juan worms, wooly buggers, and Joe's Hoppers.

Fortunately, the folks at Micron should not feel too intimidated. There are plenty of guides, fly shops and friendly locals in Butte who will help translate.

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